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#### **Issue Date:**

February 25, 2015

### **Effective Date:**

January 1, 2015

### **Background:**

The purpose of this special notice is to inform Eligibility Workers and Employment Case Managers (ECMs) of the CalWORKs Housing Support Program (HSP). HSP provides assistance to CalWORKs families, living in the HHSA Central Region, experiencing barriers to self-sufficiency due to homelessness or housing instability.

This program is being administrated by a HHSA contractor and provides services to CalWORKs families to obtain and maintain permanent housing.

### Policy:

Eligible CalWORKs families must meet the following HSP requirements:

- Have an active CalWORKs case or be in a homeless status within the Central Region.
- Be considered homeless based on one of the following criteria:
  - Lacking a fixed and regular nighttime residence
  - Having a primary nighttime residence that is a supervised publicly or privately operated shelter designed to provide temporary living accommodations
  - Residing in a public or private place not designed for, or ordinarily used as, a regular sleeping accommodation
  - In receipt of a judgment for eviction, as ordered by a court

### **HSP provides the following services**:

- Intensive Case Management:
  - Assessment of housing barriers
  - Development of Housing Plan
  - Financial literacy/coaching
  - o Help resolving legal issues
  - Referrals to resources as needed

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- Housing Navigation:
  - Landlord recruitment and retention
  - Help finding and securing permanent housing for clients
- Financial Assistance:
  - Bridge housing
  - Move-in costs (deposits, moving expenses, utility)
  - o Rental subsidy

HSP is offered in addition to the following program and/or services available to CalWORKs applicants/recipients, if they are otherwise eligible:

- Temporary/Permanent Homeless Assistance CPG 44-200.C
- Family Stabilization, Homelessness Prevention Services CPG 10-007.B

### **Procedure:**

Eligibility Workers/Employment Case Managers are to refer CalWORKs families meeting all eligibility requirements described above to the HHSA contractor @ (619) 229-3660.

Note: Email referrals sent with recipient's information need to be encrypted.

### **Impacts**:

None.

### References:

Senate Bill (SB) 855 ACWDL (July 18, 2014)

### **Sunset Date:**

This policy will be reviewed for continuance by June 30, 2018.

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Approval for Release:

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